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OVERSERS AT THE BONN SUMMIT CONFERENCE, AND THE
PRINCIPALS WHO SEEMED TO BE IN HIGH GOOD HUMOUR AT
THE CLOSE OF IT, AGREED THAT AT LEAST THE
GROUNDWORK HAS BEEN DONE FOR SOME ADVANCEMENT
AGAINST INDUSTRIAL STAGNATION AND HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT
IN THE WESTERN WORLD....

... THE PLEDGES MADE BY ALL THE COUNTRIES TAKING
PART - AMERICA, JAPAN, CANADA, WEST GERMANY/ FRANCE
ITALY AND BRITAIN . ARE ON PAPER, MOST OF THEM
PUTTING THE ADVANCEMENTS THEY PROMISE TO MAKE IN
FIGURES, AND IT DOES SEEM THAT THIS TIME A STEP
TOWARDS STRONGER AND MORE BALANCED ECONOMIES HAS
BEEN MADE. WHILE IT WAS NOT AN "ALL-FOR-ONE-
AND-ONE-FOR-ALL" SITUATION IN ONE SENSE, IT WAS SO
IN ANOTHER IN THAT ADVANCEMENT FOR ALL ENTAILS
SACRIFICES BY SOME, NOTABLY WEST GERMANY AND JAPAN...

...LOOKED AT IN THE WHOLE, THE COORDINATION OF SUCH
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STRONG NATIONS IN FACING THE PROBLEMS WHICH BESET
THE WESTERN WORLD MUST LEAD TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING
AND CO-OPERATION. IF THE WORLD IS TO JUDGE BY THE
GOOD SPIRITS WHICH WERE APPARENT AT THE END OF THE
CONFERENCE, UNDERSTANDING AT LEAST HAS BEEN ACHIEVED.

IF THE CONFERENCE ACHIEVED NOTHING ELSE, THE PRACTICAL

STEPS IT HAS TAKEN TO CURB INTERNATIONAL HIJACKING OF PLANES WOULD HAVE BEEN WORTHWHILE. THE "BIG SEVEN" HAVE AGREED THAT ANY COUNTRY WHICH HARBOURS HIJACKERS WITHOUT BRINGING THEM TO TRIAL OR EXTRADITING THEM, WILL FACE A TOTAL BOYCOTT ON INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. THERE IS A TRACTICAL BITE ABOUT THIS DECISION TO PUT AN END TO ONE OF THE GREATEST SCOURGES OF OUR TIME.

HOW SERIOUS AND DIFFICULT THE MENACE OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISTS HAS BECOME MAY BE JUDGED FROM THE FACT THAT NOT EVEN THE HEART OF LONDON HAS BEEN CONSIDERED SAFE FOR THE ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE TALKS, NOW IN PROGRESS, AND THAT THEY HAVE HAD TO BE TRANSFERRED TO LEEDS CASTLE, IN KENT, AN ALMOST IMPREGNABLE MOATED FORTRESS. IT WOULD SEEM A LUDICROUS SITUATION WERE IT NOT FOR THE TRAGIC EVIDENCE ALREADY AVAILABLE OF THE STRENGTH AND AUDACITY OF WORLD TERRORISM. KRENE

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